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1. DURING MY OCTOBER 23 MEETING WITH DR. GOH ON OUR MILITARY SALES PROGRAM HE MENTIONED THAT UK GOVERNMENT HAD INFORMED GOS IT HAD NO OBJECTIONS TO SINGAPORE GOING AHEAD WITH PLANS FOR BRUNEI JUNGLE WARFARE TRAINING CENTER. UK STIPULATED THAT SINGAPORE SHOULD ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR INFORMING MALAYSIA, WHICH DR. GOH SAID SINGAPORE WOULD DO AS SOON AS PM RAZAK RETURNED.

2. ACCORDING TO DR. GOH, UK WILL INFORM BRUNEI GOVERNMENT AS TO ITS DECISION ON JUNGLE WARFARE TRAINING CENTER AT MEETING TO BE HELD IN BRUNEI NEXT JANUARY. DR. GOH ADDED THAT IN THIS MEETING UK INTENDS TO INFORM BRUNEI GOVERNMENT IT WILL "PULL OUT OF BRUNEI ENTIRELY" BY 1978 (ASSUME THIS MEANS GURKHA BATTALION AND NOT TERMINATION OF UK ROLE IN BRUNEI DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS). UK ALSO WILL RECOMMEND TO BRUNEI THAT IT ESTABLISH SOME DEGREE OF CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT, ONE-FAMILY RULE BY SULTAN'S FAMILY NOT BEING IN SECRET

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